
OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

The Multnomah County **Task Force on Vital Aging** met five times between March 2007 and March 2008. During these meetings, staff distributed national reports and members heard presentations from national and local speakers.

National speakers included:

- [William Novelli](#), CEO, AARP
- [John Rother](#), Public Policy Director, AARP
- [Linda Wiener](#), national consultant on the aging workforce

Local speakers included:

- [Dr. Margaret Neal](#), Director of the Institute on Aging, Portland State University
- [Dr. James Davis](#), Associate Professor, Marylhurst University
- [Karen Shimada](#), Program Director, Life by Design Northwest
- [Kati Shriver](#), Researcher, Oregon Community Foundation
- Mary Shortall, Director, Multnomah County Aging and Disabilities Department

Additional speakers included:

- [Joyce DeMonnin](#), Director of Public Outreach, AARP Oregon and Chair of the Employment Workgroup, Task Force on Vital Aging
- [Andy Nelson](#), Executive Director of Hands On Greater Portland and Chair of the Civic Engagement Workgroup, Task Force on Vital Aging
- Carol Ford and Raquel Aguillion, Multnomah County managers who provided information about Multnomah County employment practices

Task Force members and Task Force staff director Jay Bloom, Bloom Anew, conducted individual meetings and Task Force members received weekly reports and articles.

Four workgroups focused on:

- Employment
- Civic engagement
- Inter-generational opportunities
- Multnomah County as an employer

Subject experts and professionals in these four areas participated in the workgroups that met at least five times. Three of the workgroups set up web sites where members could share articles, reports and updates. Surveys were sent to private employers with the assistance of the Portland Business Alliance and to

nonprofit organizations with the assistance of a number of organizations including the Nonprofit Association of Oregon.

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Individuals serving on the individual work groups included:

Multnomah County

Raquel Aguillon – DCM

Bruce Barclay – DCM

Julie Bates – DCS

Jay Bloom – Multnomah County

Silvia Caballero Fay – DCHS

Sharon Chalem – Library

Mel Feinstein – DCM

Warren Fish – County Commissioner Jeff Cogen’s Office

Carol Ford – DCM

Chocka Guiden - DCHS

Susan Haas – Retired from County/Working DCHS

Delette Huffman – Retired from County/Working Library

Amy Lippay – DCM

Darcy Miles – Health

Kathleen Fuller Poe – Health

Fernando Sanjines – DCHS

Mary Shortall, DCHS

Chareundi Van Si – Health

Gary Simmons – Sheriff’s Office

Anne Smith – DCJ

Wilma Smith – Health

Grady Tarbutton – DCHS

Christine Tobkin – DCJ

Joshua Todd – Commission on Children, Families and Community

Civic Engagement/Employment

Arleen Barnett – Portland General Electric (www.portlandgeneral.com)

Carolyn Becic – Oregon Mentors (www.orientors.org)

June Chrisman – Providence Health Systems (www.providence.org)

Richard Clarke – Portland Public Schools (www.pps.k12.or.us)

Amy Dailey – Corporation for National & Community Service (www.cns.gov)

Leeanne Doolittle – Northwest Natural Gas (www.nwnatural.com)
Monica Ford – Morrison Child & Family Services (www.morrisonkids.org)
Kris Forzely – Family of Friends
Vicki Hersen – Elders In Action (www.eldersinaction.org)
Beth Jacobs – Older Adult Services, Metropolitan Family Service
(www.metfamily.org)
Steven Pascal-Joiner – Action Without Borders, Idealist (www.idealists.org)
Kathleen Joy – Oregon Volunteers! (www.oregonvolunteers.org)
Nancy Jubitz – SMART (<http://www.getsmartoregon.org>)
Jost Lottes – Portland State University, Institute on Aging (www.pdx.edu)
Rik MacKay – Worksystems, Inc. (www.worksystems.org)
Andrew McGough – Worksystems, Inc. (www.worksystems.org)
Lourdes Meeuwssen – Administrative Assistant, Metropolitan Family Service
(www.metfamily.org)
Mark Morley – Foster Grandparent Program, Metropolitan Family Service
(www.metfamily.org)
Neal Naigus – Portland Community College (www.pcc.edu)
Andy Nelson – Chair, Hands On Greater Portland (www.handsonportland.org)
Joan Pasco, – East County Onestop (www.eastcountyonestop.org)
Sue Posner – Metropolitan Family Services (www.metfamily.org)
Laura Sheppard – Morrison Child and Family Services (www.morrisonkids.org)
Bandana Shrestha – AARP Oregon (www.aarp.org)
Katie Shriver – The Oregon Community Foundation (www.ocf1.org)
Judy Strand – Chair, Intergenerational Work Group, Metropolitan Family Service
(www.metfamily.org)
Bill Tolbert – New Seasons Market (www.newseasonsmarket.com)
Lynn Schemmer-Valleau – Volunteers of America (www.voa.org)
Lynn Wallis – Oregon Employment Department (www.employment.oregon.gov)
Linda Wiener – Wiener Training Group (www.wetrainandconsult.com)
